

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 9-11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abecassis (5,291,395) in view of Westbury et al. (6,873,963).

Applicant has amended Claim 9 to require that the samples are stored in environmental conditions necessary to keep the sample viable. The examiner has previously stated that neither of the prior art referenced teach this type of viability and therefore Claim 9 and the claims dependent on it are not obvious over the prior art.

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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